

## Mushulatubbe et al. to John Henry Eaton

Choctaw Nation. June 2d 1830

Friend and Brother.

Your communication of the 1st. ultimo to our friends Mingo Mushalatubbee and Majr John Pitchlynn has been fully made known to us in General Council of the North East and Southern districts. We have also heard the talk of our Great Father the president to our old Interpreter Majr Pitchlynn. We are truly happy that the proposials, which was prepared by a few designing men in the Nation, and sent to our Great Father by D. W. Haley has been considered inadmisable, and that commissioners will be appointed to come and treat with us for our lands. We are now fully confident that ere long all things will terminate in giving general satisfaction to all parties in the Nation—that the poor as well as the rich will recieve their just rights, and that those who would wish to ~~carry~~ usurp the rights of the poor Indians may not be able to carry on their odious projects. As it would be useless at this time to make any more remarks respecting Folsom and Leflore, we shall decline saying any thing about them; but however it would be well for you and our Great Father to know that Folsom the former Chief of the North East District has lost entirely the confidence of all the Captains and warriors of the Southern as well as the District he lives in, with the exception of a few and they are such as those who joined the Missionary Church and are related to him, but even these are fast leaving him. Leflore has no influence beyond the limits of the Districts in which he rules as Chief. Mingo's Mushalatubbee and Nittukaichee has been unanimously acknowledged by all the Captains and Warriors of the aforesaid Districts as principle Chiefs and accordingly invested with full powerer to act in that Office, but this you doubtless have been informed by your Agent Col William Ward—whose report will confirm what we wrote you from the Council at Yarmibbie old Towns. We are termed the Republican party and Leflore the Despotic. Our party has now double the power or number of warriors over Leflores; and we are daily increasing in number. We are truly proud to inform you that our most intelligent white breathern who have any knowledge of our cause have commended our proceedings and have enlisted their feelings in our behalf. We are advised not to desist, but to persevere in our cause and finally to establish whenever we may be so situated as to allow it a Government Simular to that of the U States under which our people may flourish and be perpetuated as a Nation. As we have no knowledge of our Country west of the Great river mississippi we have concluded in Council that we would send a Delegation of 16 men to explore

it, but unfortunately we have not funds to defray their expences. We therefore entreat our Great Father to furnish us funds sufficient to defray the expences of said Delegation and so soon as we are informed of the nature of said Country we shall then feel perfectly willing to meet commissioners and treat with them, but in the present case to despose of our Country here and to emigrate to one of which we have no knowledge would be acting (as we think) unwisely. In this we hope our Great Father will not consider us unreasonable, and that he will extend to us his beneficence. If our Great Father agrees to the above proposition, and think it necessary to appoint an Agent to conduct the exploring Delegation we would be glad for him not to give that appointment to D. W. Haley, for we know he is not qualified to fill the appointment and besides we have no friendship for him. We the Head men and Mingoes of the N East and Southern Districts wish that all communications made to us from our Great Father the president hereafter be dirrected to Mingoes Mushalatubbee, Nittukaichee and Majr John Pitchlynn[.] We are your friends and Brothers.

Mushalatubbee } Principal Chiefs  
Nittukaichee

Eyahokartubbee } Speakers of the Council  
Eyahchah Hopia

Unnahubbee } Chief of the Six Towns but  
under Nittukaichee

*[Fifty additional names follow.]*

We certify that the above is the Talk of the principle Chiefs and Head men of the North East ~~District~~ and Southern Districts of the Choctaw Nation.

John Pitchlynn US Interpreter  
M. Mackey US Interpreter  
P. P. Pitchlynn Secretary of the Council

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